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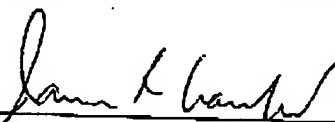
**LETTER**

SIR:

Attached is a copy of a paper entitled "Correction Notice of Acceptance of Application" with its attachments submitted to the USPTO on June 24, 2002. Please correct the filing date and send us a new filing receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

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